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SUBJECT: DEFINITION OF THE NICS

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1. CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 3 OF REF. IN ADDITION
YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING:

A. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, WE FIND IT MOST EFFECTIVE
TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL LEASING AUTHORITY. ACCORDINGLY,
WE PROPOSE THAT PARA 7(B) BE CHANGED TO READ: QUOTE
NICSMA WILL PROVIDE CENTRAL LEASING AUTHORITY FOR ALL
NATO LEASED COMMERCIAL FACILITIES. UNQUOTE

B. NATIONS SHOULD HAVE OPTION OF PROVIDING TERMINAL
EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ITEMS LISTED IN 8(A)(I), (II) AND
(III) SUBJECT TO MEETING COMPATIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
ESTABLISHED FOR NICS. PARA 8 SHOULD BE CHANGED ACCORDING-
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C. MAKE POINT IN PARA 8(D) THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, WHEN FEASIBLE, SHOULD BE PLANNED FOR AND INCLUDED IN NICS TO PRECLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF PARALLEL CIRCUITRY. THIS PROCEDURE WAS FOLLOWED IN CASE OF NADGE.

D. CLARIFY MEANING OF KEYING AND TRANSFER FACILITIES COVERED IN PARA 8(E). IF THESE FACILITIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH NAVAL COMMUNICATION BROADCAST STATIONS, WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN NICS.

E. MARITIME COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES THAT PARALLEL NICS SHOULD BE COMPATIBLE AND INCLUDED IN NICS (PARA 8(F) OF REF).

F. HF RADIO FACILITIES PLANNED AS BACK UP FOR NICS LINKS MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH AND INCLUDED IN NICS PLANNING. PARA 8(G) SHOULD BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

G. WE BELIEVE THAT NICSMA SHOULD DESIGN INTO NICS THE NECESSARY DEGREE OF INTEROPERABILITY/COMPATIBILITY WITH SYSTEMS THAT MAY BE COMBINED WITH NICS, E.G., MNC AND NATIONAL SYSTEMS. RECOMMEND YOU PROPOSE CHANGING FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF PARA 9 AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE PRECEDING FACILITIES/SYSTEMS MUST BE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, INTEROPERABLE WITH THE NICS. NICSMA AND THE CENTRAL OPERATING AUTHORITY WILL EXERCISE COORDINATING ROLES TO ENSURE THAT NECESSARY DEGREE OF COMPATIBILITY/INTEROPERABILITY IS DESIGNED INTO THE NICS. UNQUOTE

H. CENTRAL MANAGEMENT OF PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT LISTED IN PARA 6 AND 8 WILL HELP INSURE EQUIPMENT COMPATIBILITY. ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE THAT PARA 12(B) READ: QUOTE NICSMA WILL PROVIDE CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OF ALL EQUIPMENT LISTED IN PARA 6 AND 8 ABOVE, EXCEPT ITEMS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED BY AGREEMENT, TO ENSURE THAT ALL SUCH EQUIPMENT WILL CONFORM TO NICS TECHNICAL STANDARDS WHEN IT IS TO BE CONNECTED TO THE NICS. UNQUOTE

2. OBJECTIVE OF OUR COMMENTS IS TO SEEK WORDING THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMITS THE SCOPE OF FACILITIES EXCLUDED FROM NICS, ENHANCES OPPORTUNITY FOR REDUCTION IN MNC CE STAFFING, AND STRENGTHENS ROLE OF NICSMA IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING THE NICS. KISSINGER

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